

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES
SPECIFIC LANGUAGE

Vocational Nursing

Add Section 2524.1 of Article 4, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Division 25, Chapter 1 as follows:

§ 2524.1 Consumer Complaint Disclosure.

In reaching a decision on the disclosure of a consumer complaint under the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) the Board shall consider the “Consumer Complaint Disclosure Policy,” (Rev. 02/21/03), which is hereby incorporated by reference. Deviation from the policy is appropriate where the Board, in its sole discretion, determines that the facts of the particular case warrant such a deviation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2854, Business and Professions Code, Section 6253.4(a), Government Code: Reference: Section 2878, 2876, and 2878, Business and Professions Code, Section: 6252, 6253, 6253.2, 6253.4, 6255, and 6260, Government Code.

Amend sections 2526, 2529, 2532, 2533 and 2534 of Article 5, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Division 25, Chapter 1 as follows:

§ 2526. Procedure for Accreditation.

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(14) Number of students.

(A) A school may admit alternate students in each new class to replace students who may drop out prior to commencement of the scheduled clinical experience. Alternate students may participate in classes until commencement of scheduled clinical experience at approved clinical facilities.

(B) ~~Upon commencement of clinical experience, the number of students may not exceed the actual number of students approved by the Board for that particular class.~~ Alternate students must be informed in writing of their alternate status and its implications prior to admission so they know they may be dropped.

(C) The number of alternate students admitted may not exceed 10% of the school's Board-approved number of students per class.

(B)(D) Upon commencement of clinical experience at approved clinical facilities, the number of students may not exceed the actual number of students approved by the Board for that particular class.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2880, 2881 and 2883, Business and Professions Code.

§ 2529. Faculty Qualifications.

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(c) Requirements for specific faculty positions are as follows:

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(4) **Additional Faculty:** ~~Persons of other disciplines may teach curriculum content as specified in Section 2533(d). Such instructors shall~~ who have the qualifications to teach in a community college or a state university in California or hold a baccalaureate degree in the field related to the curriculum content taught, or meet the requirements for vocational education credential may teach curriculum content as specified in Section 2533(e).

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2881 and 2883, Business and Professions Code.

§ 2532. Curriculum Hours.

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) The school week shall not exceed 40 hours per week, ~~and the school day shall not exceed eight hours, including class attendance and clinical experience.~~
- (d) ~~Students may be granted holidays and vacation days equivalent to those granted by community colleges.~~ School days that consist of class attendance only or a combination of class attendance and clinical experience shall not exceed eight hours in length.
- (e) Students may be assigned to shifts of up to and including 12-hour length for clinical experience, only.
- ~~(d)(f) Students may be granted holidays and vacation days equivalent to those granted by community colleges.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2881 and 2882, Business and Professions Code.

§ 2533. Curriculum Content.

- (a)...
- (b)...
- (c)...
- (d)...
- (e)The following related courses may be taught by ~~non-nurse instructors~~ additional faculty as defined in section 2529(c)(4) of this chapter:
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- (f)...

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2881.1 and 2882, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment filed 2-2-76 as an emergency; effective upon filing (Register 76, No. 6). For prior history, see Register 75, No. 36.
2. Reinstatement of section as it existed prior to emergency amendment filed 2-2-76, by operation of section 11422.1(b), Gov. Code (Register 76, No. 23).
3. New subsection (b)(4) filed 10-7-77; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 77, No. 41).
4. Amendment of subsection (d) filed 9-27-79; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 79, No. 39).
5. Amendment of subsection (f) filed 4-10-80; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 80, No. 15).

6. Amendment filed 11-16-83; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 83, No. 47).
7. Amendment of subsection (a)(8) and new subsections (a)(8)(A)-(a)(8)(D) filed 4-12-89; operative 5-12-89 (Register 89, No. 23).
8. Amendment filed 3-24-92; operative 4-23-92 (Register 92, No. 13).
9. Amendment filed 11-20-97; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 97, No. 47).
10. Amendment filed 5-31-2000; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 00, No. 22).

§ 2534. Clinical Experience

- (a)...
- (b)...
- (c)...
- (d)...
- (e) ~~Fifty percent of the clinical experience may be obtained during the evening shift, except upon determination by the Board that clinical objectives may be met by using additional evening hours.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2873, 2882 and 2883, Business and Professions Code

Psychiatric Technicians

Add Section 2579.11 of Article 4, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Division 25, Chapter 2 as follows:

§ 2579.11 Consumer Complaint Disclosure.

In reaching a decision on the disclosure of a consumer complaint under the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) the Board shall consider the "Consumer Complaint Disclosure Policy," (Rev. 02/21/03), which is hereby incorporated by reference. Deviation from the policy is appropriate where the Board, in its sole discretion, determines that the facts of the particular case warrant such a deviation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4504, Business and Professions Code, Section 6253.4(a), Government Code. Reference: Section 4520 and 4521, Business and Professions Code, Section: 6252, 6253, 6253.2, 6253.4, 6255, and 6260, Government Code.

Amend sections 2581, 2584, 2586, 2587, 2588 and 2588.1 of Article 4, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Division 25, Chapter 2 as follows:

§ 2581. Procedure for Accreditation

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(14) Number of students.

(A) A school may admit alternate students in each new class to replace students who may drop out ~~prior to commencement of the scheduled clinical experience.~~ Alternate students may participate in classes until commencement of scheduled clinical experience at approved clinical facilities.

(B) ~~Upon commencement of clinical experience, the number of students may not exceed the actual number of students approved by the Board for that particular class.~~ Alternate students must be informed in writing of their alternate status and its implications prior to admission so they know they may be dropped.

(C) The number of alternate students admitted may not exceed 10% of the school's Board-approved number of students per class.

~~(B)~~(D) Upon commencement of clinical experience at approved clinical facilities, the number of students may not exceed the actual number of students approved by the Board for that particular class.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4504, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4511, 4515, 4530, and 4532, Business and Professions Code.

7. Amendment of subsection (c) filed 4-12-89; operative 5-12-89 (Register 89, No. 23).

8. Amendment filed 3-24-92; operative 4-23-92 (Register 92, No. 13).

9. Amendment filed 7-24-96; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 96, No. 30).

10. Amendment filed 11-20-97; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 97, No. 47).

§ 2584. Faculty Qualifications.

- (a)...
- (b)...
- (c) Requirements for specific faculty positions are as follows:
 - (1)...
 - (2)...
 - (3)...
 - (4) **Additional Faculty:** ~~Persons of other disciplines may teach curriculum content as specified in Section 2587(d). Such instructors shall~~ who have the qualifications to teach in a community college or a state university in California or hold a baccalaureate degree in the field related to the curriculum content taught, or meet the requirements for vocational education credential may teach curriculum content as specified in Section 2587(e).
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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4504, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4531, Business and Professions Code

§ 2586. Curriculum Hours.

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ~~The school week shall not exceed 40 hours per week, and the school day shall not exceed eight hours, including class attendance and clinical experience.~~
- (d) ~~Students may be granted holidays and vacation days equivalent to those granted by community colleges.~~ School days that consist of class attendance only or a combination of class attendance and clinical experience shall not exceed eight hours in length.
- (e) Students may be assigned to shifts of up to and including 12-hour length for clinical experience, only.
- ~~(d)~~(f) Students may be granted holidays and vacation days equivalent to those granted by community colleges.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4504, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4531, Business and Professions Code.

§ 2587. Curriculum Content.

- (a)...
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- (c)...

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(e) The following related courses may be taught by ~~other professional instructors~~
additional faculty as defined in section 2584(c)(4) of this chapter:

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4504, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4511, 4515, and 4531, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. Amendment of subsection (b) and (c)(1) filed 4-22-77; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 77, No. 17). For prior history, see Register 76, No. 23.
2. Amendment of subsection (c)(1) filed 9-27-79; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 79, No. 39).
3. Amendment of subsection (c)(3) and new subsection (d) filed 4-10-80; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 80, No. 15).
4. Amendment filed 11-16-83; effective upon filing pursuant to Government Code section 11346.2(d) (Register 83, No. 47).
5. Amendment of subsection (d) filed 4-8-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 15).
6. New subsection (i) filed 4-12-89; operative 5-12-89 (Register 89, No. 23).
7. Amendment filed 3-24-92; operative 4-23-92 (Register 92, No. 13).
8. Amendment filed 11-20-97; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 97, No. 47).
9. Amendment of subsection (f) filed 5-31-2000; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 00, No. 22).

§ 2588. Clinical Experience

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(e) ~~Fifty percent of the clinical experience may be obtained during the evening shift, except upon determination by the Board that clinical objectives may be met by using additional evening hours.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4504, Business and Professions Code. Reference: 4511 and 4531, Business and Professions Code

§ 2588.1 Clinical Preceptorships.

(a) With prior Board approval, each psychiatric technician program may offer an optional clinical preceptorship during the last nine weeks of the program.

(b) Preceptorship means an optional clinical experience for selected psychiatric technician students, which is conducted in the last nine (9) weeks of the psychiatric technician program.

(c) Preceptor means a registered nurse or a ~~licensed vocational nurse~~ psychiatric technician on staff at the clinical facility in which the preceptorship will occur who is specially selected and prepared to work with a student during the preceptorship and who shall be responsible for on-site direction of the student's preceptorship.

(d) The program director or designee shall be responsible for the overall management of the preceptorship and final student outcomes.

(e) General Requirements

- (1) The preceptorship may be conducted in any health care setting (including acute, subacute, clinic or a combination of settings) wherein the specific clinical objectives can be met.
- (2) The goal of the preceptorship shall be the facilitation of students' maximal application of newly acquired knowledge, skills, and abilities in a realistic setting that simulates actual job performance.
- (3) Preceptorships shall not be used for clinical make-up time or remediation.
- (4) Prior to implementation of the preceptorship, the director shall apply for Board approval and specify the clinical objectives to be accomplished by the student in the preceptorship facility.
- (5) The total length of a student's preceptorship shall not exceed 160 hours.
- (6) The total hours per week required of a student for theory and preceptorship attendance shall not exceed 40 hours.
- (7) The total hours per day required of a student for theory and preceptorship attendance shall not exceed eight (8) hours.
- (8) The preceptorship shall be conducted within the last nine (9) weeks of the program or when presentation of new theory and correlated clinical content has been completed, whichever occurs later.
- (9) The maximum instructor-to-preceptorship student ratio is 1:15.
- (10) The maximum preceptor-to-student ratio is 1:1.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4504, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4511 and 4531, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

1. New section filed 5-31-2000; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 00, No. 22).

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